

KING SCORES BIDDLE ON WATER RENT RULES

Sarcastic Comment on Unit of Measure.

QUESTION OF USING METER

Practice of the Engineer Department Shown to Be Unsatisfactory, Not to Say Unwise and Unjust.

George W. King of 1235 Thirty-second Street northwest, who for the past several months has been vigorously fighting against the alleged unlawful assessment of water rents in the District of Columbia, is still hammering at the Commissioners. Mr. King, who owns considerable property in the west end, said yesterday to The Times he is not only fighting from a personal standpoint, but for the welfare of the community.

In answer to a number of Mr. King's communications, which have been heretofore published in The Times, he has received numerous letters of congratulation from representative citizens of Washington.

Yesterday Mr. King forwarded the following letter to Col. John Biddle, Engineer Commissioner of the District: "I have your reply in answer to my letter requesting information in regard to that portion of the annual report referring to water rents. Therein you say that rents are based on the height and width of buildings. In your communication to me you state the word 'story' is used to indicate height, being a unit of measure. This may be clear to you, but I cannot understand how a unit of measure can vary. A story in one instance may represent a height of twelve feet, while in another instance a story may be but eight feet in height.

Unit of Measure.

"A unit of measure when applied to the same subject matter must be unvarying throughout. How can a house measuring 24 feet in height, say, containing three stories, be measured by the same unit of measure (stories), when a house twenty-four feet in height in twenty-four stories contains but two stories? How can this be called measuring by height? Is this consistent, or is it in compliance with Sections 197 and 199 of the Revised Statutes of the United States?

"Again, I complain about paying \$4.67 for a house containing five rooms, and valued at \$500, the area being twelve feet by twenty-four feet, when your schedule shows that you collect in hundreds of cases only \$3.50 for a house sixteen feet front, thirty-six feet deep, containing six rooms and valued at over \$4,000. In other words, you are making me pay \$1.17 in excess for the least valuable property, contrary to the section below a uniform assessment.

"Again, I am informed that if I am not satisfied with the rates, I can put in a meter. We all know under the rules of your office that no meter can be had for less than \$6 per year. You argue, then, that if I am not satisfied with paying \$1.17 lawfully and in excess of this proper rate, I can pay \$3.50 in excess of said lawful rate, by putting in a meter, together with the additional cost incident to the introduction of the meter.

"With all due respect, I would ask are the replies to my inquiries either consistent or argumentative? I feel almost certain that you signed this statement prepared by some subordinate, without giving the said matter due consideration. Is it not plain to you and to the other Commissioners, to whom I hope this will be referred, that this unlawful method of assessing water rents would be thrown out of any court on an appeal from your ruling?" "Again, would not the reversal of your decisions bring disaster upon the judgment of the Commissioners? The arguments heretofore presented by me on the subject of water rent assessments have never been reasonably refuted in any of your communications. "The rates are still unjust, and not in accordance with the law. Is this schedule referring to 'stories' to be enforced in the future?"

TIBET IN REALITY A LAND ABOVE CLOUDS

Eastern Traveler Describes Country British Are Trying to Conquer.

"A land above the clouds" is the designation of Tibet given by a traveler recently returned to Washington from the Far East.

"If the British forces now moving through Tibet should meet the Lama's armies it would be a battle between a 'battle above the clouds' than was Hooker's famous fight on Lookout Mountain," he said.

"Tibet is a country three times as large as France. It lies at an elevation of 11,000 feet higher than the tops of the highest mountains on this continent. The cold is equal to that of the polar regions, and East Indian troops accustomed to heat will suffer severely. "Though close to Persia, Tibet is more strictly a Chinese country in its customs, but the natives are of even more antiquated type, due to the desolate and remote region in which they live. Many of them still have cannibalistic ideas."

COMMISSIONERS APPROVE TAX CERTIFICATE BILL

Corporation Counsel Duvall has informed the District Commissioners that the draft of a bill prepared by Assessor Darnelle, to be presented to Congress, amending the act of May 13, 1892, so as to make the "certified statement of taxes" an absolute bar to the collection of any omitted tax or assessment is in good form.

Commissioner West has recommended the draft be forwarded to the Senate and House Committees on District Affairs, with the request that it receive favorable action.

MRS. GILBERT TO RETIRE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Announcement was made yesterday that the American stage is to lose, after next season, one of its best-known actresses, Mrs. G. H. Gilbert, who has spent almost all of the eighty-three years of her life before the theater-going public, will retire.

YOUNG MAN SHOOT MOTHER FOR BURGLAR

McKeesport Woman, Locked Out of Home, Narrowly Escapes Death at Hands of Son.

McKEESPORT, Pa., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Mary Langley, of 154 Fourth Street, is suffering from a bullet wound in her neck, having been shot by her son, Edward Langley, nineteen years of age, in mistake for a burglar.

Mrs. Langley went out to call on a sick friend Thursday evening and did not inform her son. On his return home Edward seated himself in the kitchen and began reading a book. About 1 o'clock yesterday morning he heard a noise outside and looking toward the window saw a face. As several attempts have been made to rob the Langley residence, the young man thought a burglar was prowling around. He procured a revolver, the face appeared at the window again and young Langley began to shoot.

He was horrified to hear his mother's screams as she fell wounded in the snow. Young Langley rushed out and carried his mother inside, then summoned Dr. J. O. McKee, who discovered that the woman, fortunately, had not been dangerously hurt.

ATTORNEY GENERAL CROW ILL

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—Attorney General Crow has been suddenly taken ill at the Southern Hotel and removed to the residence of A. C. Steuber. It is expected that he will recover soon.

DETECTIVES EMPLOY STUDENTS AS BAIT

University of Chicago Boys Used to Catch the Railroads in Rate Cutting.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 12.—Thirty students enjoyed a free ride on the Wabash Railroad, Tuesday, which cost the company \$480 in refunds and furnished detectives with evidence of rate cutting in Eastern territory.

The story of the ride was read yesterday at a meeting of the Central Passenger Agents' Association. Commissioner Donald unfolded the details of how one of his detectives laid his snare. The detective approached the Wabash road with a proffer of a party of thirty-four for Hartford, Conn. The Wabash wanted the business and was willing to give the detective a free ticket if he procured the party.

The detective returned in a short time with thirty University of Chicago students, who had received their instructions and also a little spending money for the trip. The students were soon in a special Pullman car bound for the East. When the train stopped at Forty-seventh Street the students grasped their grips, leaped from the train and waved an adieu to the conductor.

The Wabash representatives yesterday received a redemption notice from Commissioner Donald calling for the tariff price of thirty tickets from Chicago to New York. Other Eastern lines are accused of similar rate cutting.

NEW STATUTE DRAFTED FOR DETAINING INSANE

Temporary Commitment to Be Made in Any District Hospital Until Transfer to St. Elizabeth's.

Commissioner Macfarland, after consultation with the Corporation Counsel, the Health Officer, the sanitary officer, and the secretary of the Board of Charities, as to improvements to be made in the law for the apprehension and detention of insane persons in the District of Columbia, has recommended to the Board of Commissioners the draft of a new bill to be presented to Congress for that purpose.

It embodies the best features of bills heretofore proposed, and authorizes temporary commitments to the Government Hospital for the Insane, or to any other similar hospital for the insane, or to "any other hospital in said District, which, in the judgment of the Health Officer of said District, is properly constructed and equipped for the reception and care of such persons," until transferred to the Government Hospital for the Insane.

THE MESSAGE IN RUSSIA.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 12.—The comment here thus far on President Roosevelt's message to Congress has been confined to the semi-official "St. Petersburg Journal." The tone is friendly. The paper notes particularly the President's commendation of the principle of arbitration.

WASHINGTON ENGRAVERS HELP TO FORM UNION

They Meet Other Members of the Craft in New York and Take Preliminary Steps.

Realizing the power of unionism of the proper sort, engravers of Washington, Philadelphia and New York city purpose to form an international association within the near future for their further protection and benefit. The preliminary steps looking toward the formation of the organization of which the engravers appreciate the need, have already been taken. The exact date of organization and the precise lines and principles it will be founded upon have not yet been determined.

The Washington engravers held a meeting in Grand Army Hall a week ago, and the report of the committee of Washington knights of the stylus which conferred with representatives of Philadelphia, New York, and Forest Hill, N. J., in regard to the proposed international association, was submitted and read. The local committee was composed of R. F. Bartle, L. A. Hill, E. M. Week, and G. W. Rose, Jr. New York was represented by Messrs. Hutchings, Granbois, Landrine, and Osborne. Philadelphia sent Messrs. Cook, Hein, Sharp, and Bickett to represent them, and Messrs. Runnemeier and Clark from Forest Hill, N. J., were also present.

The visiting committee were entertained and well taken care of by the New York engravers, and they quickly got down to business. The plan to organize on broad lines was to found the association on the proper basis to accomplish the most good for its members was freely discussed by the committee, and the report of the local committee tends to indicate that the organization will meet with success from its formation.

DOES THIS MAN POSSESS DIVINE POWER?

THE DEAD BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE

Is But Little More Miraculous Than Some of the Marvelous Cures He Performs Without the Aid of Drugs, Medicines, or Any of the Healing Agents Employed by the Medical Fraternity.

Doctors and Scientists Unable to Explain the Wonderful Phenomena

Cures Those a Thousand Miles Away the Same as Those Who Call in Person.

Takes No Money for His Services, Says His Mission Is to Heal Disease and Teach Mankind a Secret Law of Nature Which Has Been Overlooked by Doctors and Scientists for Centuries Past.

From the "Buffalo Courier."

ROCHESTER, Nov. 12.—Prof. Thomas F. Adkin, a wealthy resident of this city, has truly created a sensation among the medical fraternity. By some mysterious law of nature he has done practically everything but bring the dead to life, and doctors and scientists who have witnessed his work are looking for him to do this next. In fact, they have been so taken back that they would not have been surprised at anything. They admit that all their remedies and treatments are but toys and tin snails as compared with the wonderful discovery of this remarkable man. People say he possesses divine power. Many of those who have been cured by his mysterious power look on him as a god.

But Prof. Adkin says: "No; I have simply discovered a secret law of nature which has been overlooked by doctors and scientists for centuries past. I believe that any man's life can be saved so long as he is not actually dead, and the vital organs of the body have not been destroyed, and I further believe that when I perfect my discovery a little more I shall be able to restore life to anyone from dying, drowning or other causes which do not destroy the vital organs, provided decomposition has not set in. I know these are strong statements, but look at some of the people I have cured. They were all dead bodies, doctors said there was no hope; yet in many cases I rid them of actual disease in less time than it takes to tell you about it. There was Mrs. L. A. Phillips, of Trautwick, Tex., who was the next thing to dead when I took hold of her case. Here is her letter; read what she says. I never saw her, but I cured her, just the same as if she had been in my office." The reporter was handed several letters from patients, among which that of Mrs. Phillips. The following extracts are taken, word for word, from some of their letters. Mrs. Phillips writes: "When I first began your treatment I had no faith in it at all, had tried so many different kinds of medicines with no benefit. I had been under the treatment of twelve different hospitals, with no relief, and then I employed two home doctors, but they soon got so they did me no good, and told me they could do nothing for me, and that if I could find anything that could do me any good for me to get it, for they had done everything they could. I suffered from every disease that flesh is heir to. I had been bedridden for five years, unable to stand up longer than ten minutes at a time. If ever a woman suffered, I did. I could not sit on but one side. I had two large kidney stones that gave me a great deal of trouble, and I suffered so much in other ways. I had kidney trouble, catarrh of the bladder, and also gravel. I used to suffer at times until it was painful. I also suffered from falling of the female organs, ulcers, and chronic indigestion, and, of course, all of these diseases left my nerves in a terrible condition, when I finally wrote to you. You have done for me what no one else ever did. I feel a new creature. I feel that I have been raised from the dead. I was nothing but skin and bones; now I am feeling splendid. I say to every one that if they would place their case in your hands you will do the same for them. All they need to do is to give you a trial."

Miss Hattie L. Kelly, Seal Cove, Me., writes: "Words can hardly express my gratitude for what your treatment has done for me. When I began taking it I had given up hopes of ever being well. The doctors said I had consumption, and couldn't live long. Now, after taking one month's treatment, I am almost well, and I know that another month's treatment will entirely cure me. I have gained in flesh wonderfully, and think there is no treatment on earth which can compare with it. You may use this letter in any way you choose, and hope it will be the means of bringing others to you." E. A. Wallen, Finley, Mo.: "I was afflicted with paralysis for over four years, and was treated by different magnetic healers and other doctors, and got no relief. I think your treatment is more than you claim. They all say it was like bringing the dead to life to be restored to health in such a short time. I cannot praise you enough." Doctors have sought out and brought the very worst cases in the country to Prof. Adkin, thinking they might have relief, but they have gone away convinced that he has some invisible power or force unknown to them. They cannot explain the phenomena. Prof. Adkin is quite wealthy. He lives in a fine home in an aristocratic section of the city. He has a number of business interests, but devotes most of his time to healing the sick. He offers certain help to anyone without money or price. All you need to do is to call on him or write him. If you suffer from any of the following symptoms of your trouble, your age and sex. Prof. Adkin takes an intense delight in curing cases that doctors have given up to die. He disdains the use of Christian Science, osteopathy, faith healing or drugs. He claims his method is scientific in the highest degree, although scientists so far have been utterly unable to comprehend it. One thing is sure, and that is, he has some mysterious knowledge, agent or process by which he restores health to people in the very last stages of usually fatal diseases. Over twenty doctors have taken up the study of his methods. Some are staying right with him and daily witness the remarkable cures he performs. Nearly every train brings invalids to be healed by his power. He gets an enormous mail from persons in nearly all parts of the globe. The most mysterious thing about his whole work is his ability to heal at a distance, but there is no lack of proof that he does heal those thousands of miles away the same as those who call personally. This would seem to prove beyond doubt that thought, will-power, or some mysterious, intangible force can be sent through space the same as we are now able to telegraph. The most mysterious thing about his work is his ability to heal at a distance, but there is no lack of proof that he does heal those thousands of miles away the same as those who call personally. This would seem to prove beyond doubt that thought, will-power, or some mysterious, intangible force can be sent through space the same as we are now able to telegraph. The most mysterious thing about his whole work is his ability to heal at a distance, but there is no lack of proof that he does heal those thousands of miles away the same as those who call personally. This would seem to prove beyond doubt that thought, will-power, or some mysterious, intangible force can be sent through space the same as we are now able to telegraph.

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